REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction of the claimed invention, and listed the following group classifications:

Group	Claims	Description
I	1-4	mixed cell culture compositions
II	5-14	method of detecting influenza virus
III	15-24	method of producing influenza virus
IV	25-32	method of detecting metapneumovirus
V	33-34	method of producing metapneumovirus

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the composition claims of Group I (Claims 1-4), and hereby assert their intention to retain the right to rejoinder the process claims of Groups II-V (Claims 5-34), in accordance with the provisions of MPEP 821.04. The process claims of Groups II-V already include all of the limitations of product Claim 1 of elected Group I.

In addition, Applicants have amended Claims 6-14, in order to further the prosecution of the present application and Applicants' business interests, without acquiescing to the Examiner's arguments, and while reserving the right to prosecute the original, similar, or broader claims in one or more future application(s). These amendments do not introduce new matter and are not intended to narrow the scope of any of the claims within the meaning of Festo.¹ However, should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect.

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